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Title: Method of avoiding dielectric layer deterioration with a low dielectric constant during a stripping process

15 To: Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subject: Missing parts in Notice of Allowability dated
11/20/2002

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Dear Sir or Madame:

A Notice of Allowability was mailed on 11/20/2002, indicating acceptance of claims 1-17 in the above-indicated application. However, the Notice of Allowability also indicated that new formal drawings must be submitted in response to a Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948), which was allegedly attached with the Notice of Allowability (part of paper No. 3). Unfortunately, the PTO-948 sheet was not actually attached with paper No. 3, and so the Applicant is currently unable to respond to the objections purportedly raised in the PTO-948 paper.

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On January 23, 2003, a telephon interview was held with the Examiner requesting information about the missing PTO-948 so as to be able to respond with the appropriate corrected drawings. The Examiner responded that a formal request for the PTO-948 sheet must be submitted.

In light of the above, it is requested that the Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review sheet PTO-948 be sent to the Applicant, and that the period for reply be accordingly reset as this critical piece of information was lacking from the originally sent Notice of Allowability. Once the PTO-948 sheet is received, the Applicant will be able to properly respond with corrected drawings.

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Sincerely yours,

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